but that unfortunately the abbey she asked for was not in his presentation,

6th, Dined yesterday at the Countess d'Albanie's, with Alfieri, Conway and D'Hancarville. Met the Abb6 de St. Nom, editor of the "Voyage Pittoresque d'Italie," and M. le Maitre, who was ten years in the Bastille for having published in a periodical paper* called "1'Espion Turc," the following story or prophecy: "Catherine de Medicis was always surrounded by astrologers, one of whom, by her desire, composed a magic mirror, wherein she might see what would occur in the future. She beheld each of her sons on the throne, then her mortal enemy, Henry of Bourbon, his son and grandson, the crown held up by the Jesuits. When it came to Louis XVI. she saw nothing but mist—no king—and a set of cats and rats devouring each other. On seeing this she fainted away. On her recovery all was clear, and a Prince of the name of Charles was seated on the throne."

The following story is supposed to account for the famous " Iron Mask." Cardinal Richelieu,

being anxious to prevent the Duke d'Orleans and the Cond6s from succeeding to the throne, prevailed upon Anne of Austria to raise an heir that might entitle her to the regency. She pitched